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FROM USDEL UNIDO II CONFERENCE

SUBJ: UNIDO-II OPENING

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SUMMARY: UNIDO II BEGAN WITH CEREMONIAL SESSION MARCH 12
WITH PARTICIPATION SYG WALDHEIM WHO DELIVERED GENERALLY
BALANCED ADDRESS CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR
THIRD WORLD ASPIRATIONS. FIRST DAY INDICATES AFRICAN RADICALS
LED BY ALGERIAN-SENGALESE AXIS PREPARED TO CONFRONT GROUP
B DESPITE REASSURING WORDS OF ZAIRIAN CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF
77 AND INDICATIONS OF GENUINE DESIRES ON PART SOME OTHER
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LDC DELEGATIONS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. GROUP B DISCUSSIONS

SHOW NORMAL SPREAD OF OPINION, WITH MAVERICK FRENCH VIEWS
HAVING SUPPORT OF SPAIN AND ITALY. SOCIALISTS TAKING USUAL
LINE OF GOING ALONG WITH LDCS. NO POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE
SURFACED THUS FAR.
END SUMMARY.

1. UNIDO-II PLENARY OPENED MORNING, MARCH 12 BY PERUVIAN
MINISTER INDUSTRY AND TOURISM, REAR ADMIRAL ALBERTO JIMENEZ
DE LUCIO, ACTING IN CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF PERUVIAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UNIDO. LATER IN DAY ADMIRAL JIMENEZ
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE HALL WAS PACKED
WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 DELEGATIONS (LIMITED TO THREE DELEGATES
EACH), SENIOR PERUVIAN OFFICIALS, CARDINAL OF LIMA, DIPLOMATIC
CORPS AND PRESS. PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS WERE PERUVIAN PRIME
MINISTER WHO SPOKE IN NAME OF ABSENT PRESIDENT (SEPTEL) AND
SYG WALDHEIM. PRIME MINISTER SPOKE STANDING BEFORE EMPTY
PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR ON DAIS; AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT
VELASCO PREVENTED FROM APPEARING BY "FORCES BEYOND OUR
CONTROL."

2. WALDHEIM DELIVERED THOUGHTFUL SPEECH WHICH WAS CARE-
FULLY WORDED TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR THIRD WORLD ASPIRATIONS,
STRESSING THAT UNIDO-II IS PART OF SERIES OF IMPORTANT CON-
FERENCES, PAST AND FUTURE, TO MAP OUT NEW GLOBAL STRATEGY.
HE EMPHASIZED USUAL THEMES OF LINKAGE BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT AND POLITICAL STABILITY AND NECESSITY OF COORDINATING
INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS. SYG SPOKE OF SMALL
LDC SHARE OF WORLD INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT, COMMENTING THAT LDC
TARGET OF 25 PERCENT
BY YEAR 2000 DEMANDS CAREFUL ATTENTION AND DISCUSSION. HE
URGED DC'S TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS NEEDED AND SEIZE OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR CREATING NEW INDUSTRIAL PATTERN AS MARKET FORCES
CAN NO LONGER BE ENTIRELY RELIED UPON. HE SPOKE OF INTERDE-
PENDENCE AND COMMON INTERESTS, COUNSELLING THAT CONFRONTATION
SHOULD BE AVOIDED. HE STRESSED ROLE OF UN IN CARRYING OUT
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, CALLED
FOR UNIDO TO SHOW NEW INITIATIVES WHICH IN HIS VIEW WILL
REQUIRE MANDATE AND RESOURCES COMMENSURATE WITH AN EXPANDED
ROLE AND URGED CONFERENCE TO ADOPT CAREFULLY CONSIDERED POLICIES
WITH APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIDO TO CARRY
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OUT THOSE POLICIES. WHILE LEAVING QUESTION OPEN, LATER COMMENT
INDICATES SYG HAS INDEED DECIDED NOT OPPOSE SPECIAL (IF
NOT SPECIALIZED) AGENCY STATUS FOR UNIDO (AS INDICATED
REFTEL A).

3. WALDHEIM WAS FOLLOWED BY SENEGALESE MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY ALEXANDRENNE WHO, AS PRESIDENT OF UNIDO-I,
ASSUMED TEMPORARY PRESIDENCY OF CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH HE

SPOKE IN NAME OF ALL DELEGATIONS IN THANKING PERUVIAN HOST,
HIS REMARKS WERE TOTALLY THIRD WORLDISH. CURIOUS MIX OF
MESSAGES FROM POPE PAUL AND ROMANIAN PRESIDENT ENDED
CEREMONIAL SESSION.

4. CONFERENCE GOT OFF TO ROCKY START IN AFTERNOON WHEN
INFORMAL HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP
SENEGALESE MINISTER (AS OUTGOING PRESIDENT) BECAME BADLY
SNARLED OVER ISSUES INVOLVING SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF BUREAU
(CONFERENCE OFFICERS). GROUP OF 77 DISREGARDED RECOMMENDATION
FOR 5-MAN BUREAU MADE BY INERGOV PREP COM AND PROPOSED
EXPANDED BUREAU OF 21 MEMBERS DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT
FROM PERU; 5 VICE PRESIDENTS--2 FROM LATIN AMERICA, 3 FROM
AFRICA, 3 FROM ASIA, 4 FROM GROUP B, 2 FROM GROUP D AND 1
FROM CHINA; RAPPORTEUR FROM GROUP B: CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE
I FROM AFRICA OR ASIA; RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I FROM GROUP
D; CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE II FROM AFRICA OR ASIA; RAPPORTEUR
OF COMMITTEE II FROM LATIN AMERICA. GROUP D ACCEPTED FORMULA.
GROUP B, WHILE EXPRESSING PREFERENCE FOR SMALLER BUREAU, SAID
IT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULA BUT FELT IT WAS UNDER-
REPRESENTED AND WOULD WISH ONE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP. GROUP
B ALSO MADE CLEAR ITS VIEW THAT THIS EXPANDED BUREAU SHOULD
EXERCISE ONLY NORMAL FUNCTIONS OF STEERING COMMITTEE UNTIL
ADJOURNMENT OF UNIDO-II. THIS "INTERPRETATION" WAS DIRECTED
AT G-77 SUGGESTION THAT BUREAU MIGHT ACT AS A CONTACT GROUP
AND SERVE AS FOLLOW-UP MACHINERY TO CONFERENCE DECISIONS.
GROUP B REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP SPARKED LENGTHY
DEBATE WHICH HAD SENEGALESE CHAIRMAN MAKING EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT
BEND BACKWARDS TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP B--ASSERTING REPEATEDLY
FROM CHAIR THAT GROUP B SHOULD HAVE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE
II--ONLY TO FIND HIS EFFORTS FORCEFULLY AND ROUGHLY CHALLENGED BY
ALGERIAN-SENEGALESE (DELEGATION AS OPPOSED TO CHAIRMAN) AXIS,
WHICH IN EFFECT PUSHED ZAIRIAN CHAIRMAN OF 77 ASIDE WITH
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SUPPORT FROM MALI, CAMEROON, SOMALIA AND LESOTHO. QUESTION
FINALLY RESOLVED WITH CONSENSUS GAVELLED BY PRESIDENT WHICH
GIVES CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE II TO GROUP B, REDUCES BY ONE
NUMBER OF GROUP B VICE PRESIDENCIES AND ADDS CHAIRMAN OF
DRAFTING GROUP (COMPOSITION NOT YET DECIDED) TO BUREAU. FINAL
COMPOSITION OF BUREAU IS : A. GROUP OF 77--VICE PRESIDENTS:
ARGENTINA, CUBA, MALAYSIA, SRI LANKA, LEBANON, ZAIRE, MALI
AND KENYA. OTHER G-77 POSITIONS ARE GUYANA, RAPPORTEUR OF
COMMITTEE II; PHILIPPINES, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I AND ALGERIA,
CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING GROUP. ALGERIAN DOMINANCE OF G-77 ONCE
AGAIN SHOWN IN GRABBING OFF DRAFTING CHAIRMANSHIP AND GETTING
INCLUSION OF POST IN BUREAU AT LAST MINUTE. B. GROUP B
--VICE PRESIDENTS: IRELAND, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND.
RAPPORTEUR FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DENMARK AS CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEE II.

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C. GROUP D-- VICE PRESIDENTS: USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I FROM HUNGARY.

D. OTHER VICE PRESIDENCY FROM PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

PLENARY MEETING MARCH 13 ADOPTED BUREAU BY SIMPLE GAVELING
OF PRESIDENT WHO THEN RECESSED PLENARY TO CALL MEETING OF
NEWLY ELECTED BUREAU.

5. AT OUTSET MARCH 12 PLENARY SESSION PERUVIAN ADMIRAL JIMENEZ
ELECTED AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. STRANGELY ENOUGH, USUAL
LAUDATORY RHETORIC WAS ABSENT DURING A VERY QUICK AND BUSINESS
LIKE ELECTION, TO WHICH LATENESS OF HOUR NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED.

PLENARY ADOPTED THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF
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G-77 PROPOSED NEW ITEM UNDER 6 ON "IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". PLENARY ALSO DECIDED TO CREATE TWO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE--COMMITTEE I FOR AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7, AND COMMITTEE II ON AGENDA ITEM 8 (INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS). ON RULES OF PROCEDURE, CONFERENCE ACCEPTED SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO USE THOSE OF IDB EXCEPT FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, WHICH FOLLOWS 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO USE RULES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR QUESTIONS NOT COVERED BY IDB RULES.

6. GROUP B DECIDED TO SUBMIT ITS DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION (CRP/B/4) AS OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION AS CONFERENCE DOCUMENT OF G-77 PAPER AS APPROVED IN ALGIERS. THIS ACHIEVED DESPITE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF FRANCE. EC-9, HOWEVER, HAVE INSISTED THAT SUBMISSION OF B/4 BE COVERED BY NOTE STATING THAT IT IS FOR INFORMATION AND THAT GROUP B IS PREPARED TO USE G-77 PAPER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. GROUP B CONSULTATIONS THUS FAR ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS HAVE REFLECTED AN ENTENTE AMONG FRANCE, SPAIN AND ITALY WHICH COULD BECOME A REAL PROBLEM FOR FUTURE GROUP B CONSULTATIONS. GROUP B WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT AMBASSADOR PROBST TO ASSUME GROUP B CHAIRMANSHIP. PROBST IS ABLE IN EVERY SENSE AND SHOULD FURTHER OUR CAUSE.

7. PRIOR TO CONFERENCE OPENING AMBASSADOR BENNETT MADE A COURTESY CALL ON NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHENE AND HAD DISCUSSION WITH ZAIRIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY NAMBU AT LATTER'S INITIATIVE. WHILE LATTER SPOKE MODERATELY AND TOOK GREAT PAINS TO CONVINCE BENNETT THAT THERE EXISTS SINCERE DESIRE WITH GROUP 77 TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AT LIMA, AFTERNOON SESSION BEHAVIOUR OF ALGERIA AND OTHERS RAISES SERIOUS DOUBT AS TO ACCURACY ZAIRIAN STATEMENTS AND TO HIS AUTHORITY IN LEADING THE 77.

8. G-77 STILL CONSIDERING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DC RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO CONTRACTS WITH LDCS AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIDO CIRCULATING WHICH COULD BE TROUBLESONE FOR US. THEIR ORIGIN APPEARS ALGERIAN.

9. NO POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE SURFACED THUS FAR. MEMBER OF
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US DELEGATION MADE CONTACT WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATE TRINK (REFTEL B) AND AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH AS NECESSARY. WE ALSO EXPLAINED OUR POSITIONS ON PRG AND KHMER CREDENTIALS TO GROUP B COLLEAGUES TO ENLIST SUPPORT SHOULD THESE ISSUES ARISE, ALTHOUGH SOVIET DELEGATE INFORMED BENNETT USSR DOES NOT INTEND RAISE PRG QUESTION.

10. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE MORNING OF MARCH 17, AND ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF REVIEWING SPEECH WHICH WE SHALL CABLE TO DEPT THIS DATE FOR POSSIBLE COMMENT.

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